

Selected Funding Sources:

An interagency WRAPS fund is being established to support WRAPS projects in priority watersheds using a combination of state and federal funds. The program will be administered through the Kansas Department of Health & Environment in conjunction with the WRAPS Work Group. Grant application information is available online at: www.kdhe.state.ks.us/nps

Other programs that may be available to help support WRAPS projects include:

State Conservation Commission:

*Water Resources Program, NPS Pollution Control Program Riparian, & Wetland Protection, Watershed Dam Construction Program, Water Quality Buffer Initiative Program.

Natural Resources Conservation Service:

*Environmental Quality Incentives Program, Wetland Reserve Program, Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program, Public Law 566 Watershed Program, Farm and Ranchland Protection Program, Grassland Reserve Program.

Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks:

*Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program, Community Lakes Program, Biological Monitoring Program.

Farm Service Agency:

*Conservation Reserve Program



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Kansas Department of Health & Environment

Kansas Department of Agriculture

Kansas Water Office

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Kansas Corporation Commission

Kansas Animal Health Department



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What is WRAPS?

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What is a WRAPS?

A Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy is a planning and management framework that engages stakeholders in a process to:

- * Identify watershed restoration and protection needs
- * Establish watershed management goals
- * Create a cost effective action plan to achieve goals
- * Implement the action plan

A report is generated during the WRAPS process that records the stakeholders' decisions concerning goals, the plan to achieve the goals, and the resources required to execute the plan.

What is the WRAPS Work Group?

The WRAPS Work Group includes member agencies of the Kansas Natural Resources Sub-Cabinet and other state and federal agencies that are involved in watershed restoration and protection activities.

Why WRAPS?

WRAPS efforts are needed to address a variety of water and related natural resource concerns. Examples include water quality, public water supply reservoir protection, flooding issues, and wetland and riparian habitat protection or restoration.

The Work Group is designed to facilitate a collaborative relationship among state, federal, local government and private sector interests so that financial, programmatic and technical assistance resources are directed to the priority water resource needs of Kansas' citizens.

What is the Kansas Watershed Partnership?

The purpose of the Kansas Watershed Partnership is to provide advice to the WRAPS Work Group and promote stakeholder participation in WRAPS projects.

Partners can include any public or private organization that applies for membership and accepts the Statement of Principles and the duties and obligations within the Partnership Agreement. A membership application form is available online at: <http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us/nps/wraps/index.htm>

How Do I get involved in the WRAPS Process?

1. Identify Watershed Stakeholders: Cities, Landowners, Agencies, Conservation Districts, Watershed Districts, Conservation Groups, etc. Form a Watershed Stakeholders Committee and identify leaders to guide the WRAPS effort and chair the committee.
2. Assess Watershed Conditions & Needs: (KDHE produces draft watershed condition reports which discuss Total Maximum Daily Loads, designated uses, potential pollution sources, etc.) In addition, review other applicable reports that address resource conditions in the watershed. Review the reports with the committee and add local knowledge of issues. Work with agencies to identify potential pollution sources. Inventory other resource conditions and needs where applicable.
3. Determine Watershed Goals and prepare an Action Plan: Goals could include meeting Total Maximum Daily Loads, protecting a public water supply, enhancing recreation, etc. The committee writes an action plan that includes: actions needed to achieve watershed goals; responsible parties to implement each action; cost estimates to implement actions; available funding; and an

implementation schedule. Agencies and committee members issue Statements of Adoption to finalize the process and the WRAPS plan.

4. Implement the Action Plan: Financial, technical and volunteer resources are secured to implement the recommended actions. Progress is monitored and adjustments are made to the plan as needed.

How will WRAPS projects be funded?

There are four basic stages in the WRAPS process, which may qualify for funding through a variety of sources. The four stages are:

1. Development: Stakeholder recruitment, determine interest, document stakeholder decisions.
2. Assessment: review watershed conditions and trends, determine management measures in use, develop expectations of the watershed, identify restoration and protection needs and apply watershed models.
3. Planning: Establish goals, identify actions that may achieve goals, develop cost estimates, select recommended actions, identify stakeholder implementation strategies.
4. Implementation: Secure resources needed to execute the action plan, monitor and document progress, revise plan as needed.

